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Subject: Re: \*\*For Review\*\* Unified Command News Release Update #38 DRAFT

Attachments: News Release 38 DRAFT2.docx

Thanks again Adam. We appreciate your quick responses.

In the attached draft, the JIC has updated the environmental portion of the media release to read: "Environmental data has not produced new results that would present the potential for an impact to human health impact."

Best, Alisha

On Dec 19, 2019, at 5:49 PM, Adams, Adam < Adams. Adam@epa.gov > wrote:

No problem. Maybe fresh eyes on it after a bit brought that to my attention.

Just a reminder to express that the environmental data has not produced new results that would present the potential for an impact to human health impact, if that is the case. The UC with the state can confirm this, since they have the data.

No need to further include EPA on the concurrence, until the data show and/or operations indicate a new off-site impact has occurred or could occur. If this does happen, I'd expect to be notified by the UC rather than in a draft press release.

Thanks for the follow up and clarification. I'm glad it's all still going well.

VR, Adam

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 19, 2019, at 5:39 PM, Alisha Prather <a href="mailto:aprather@hdaissues.com">aprather@hdaissues.com</a> wrote:

Hi Adam -

Thanks so much for your review and feedback on the draft media update. The line regarding environmental monitoring in update draft #38 (below) is the same as has been used since update #34. We'd welcome your input on any edits needed to assure accuracy.

Its our understanding in the JIC that air monitoring data continue to show 'nondetect' levels and water quality remains normal, hence no recent changes to the text in the updates.

The language used in previous media updates is below for reference.

## (updates #34-37)

Environmental update: Air and water quality monitoring is ongoing and continues to confirm no health impacts to air or water in the community.

## (updates #31-33)

Environmental update: Sustained air monitoring samples confirmed no actionable levels of butadiene in the community. Additionally, there has been no impact to drinking water or surface water quality around TPC Group Port Neches Operations. TCEQ and TPC Group continue to conduct air monitoring, air sampling and surface water sampling activities. Any reduction in the air monitoring/sampling activities would require TCEQ State on Scene Command approval.

<u>Please "reply all" with your thoughts since I'll be out of pocket in a bit.</u> We are happy to edit the statement and review any text updates with TCEQ.

Thanks much, Alisha

On Dec 19, 2019, at 5:20 PM, Anastasia Watkinson <AWatkinson@responsegroupinc.com> wrote:

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## Anastasia,

Are you saying that the environmental assessment efforts are not indicating any affects to human health Or are you saying that the monitoring and/or sampling efforts from the environmental assessment efforts have not measured concentrations in the community that would potentially impact human health?

I'm not sure how an environmental assessment measurement would show if a human's health was impacted.

Since I've not seen any environmental data since we transitioned

the remediation over to state oversight, I can't vouch for any statements regarding the environmental data. I'm not saying to send me the data. The state would provide comments to this, as they are currently providing oversight.

Should environmental results indicate a change in the impact to the community, UC has been advised to give me notice. I've not been given any updates to this effect.

VR,

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 19, 2019, at 4:52 PM, Anastasia Watkinson <AWatkinson@responsegroupinc.com> wrote:

Good evening.. please review the attached UC news release update #38 for approval. There are no significant changes from the prior update, issued yesterday. Registration information for STAN has been added per request.

Thanks, Ana.

Anastasia Watkinson

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